

Welcome to North Olmsted United Methodist Church!

Announcements for Sunday, November 6, 2022

Stamp Social: Christmas Cards

Saturday, November 12, 9 am - 3 pm, Fellowship Hall; Sign up by November 7

Join Sharon Werner and Sandra Andrews on Saturday, November 12 and surprise your loved ones with some hand-made Christmas cards. Cards cost \$2 each and you will need double-sided tape (can be purchased at the event). We will also do a potluck brunch, so bring something yummy to share. The deadline to sign up is November 7. If you can't make it that day, you can also order a kit where all you have to do is assemble and mail. Please email Sharon Werner for photos of the cards being offered and an order form.

United Women in Faith Give-Away Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 10 am

We will gather soon to decide how to donate the money we have raised this year. If you or your ministry team has a need that will help the church, please contact Barb Andrews or put the request in the UWF mailbox outside the church office before November 16. We cannot guarantee we will be able to provide the full amount, but we will try. We also consider local and global charities if you have a special request.

Lunch with Friends

Thursday, November 17, 11:30 am, Canary's Restaurant (28981 Lorain Road, North Olmsted)

Our November Lunch with Friends gathering will be dedicated to Viola Crow for her idea of inviting others who are alone to share lunch together at a restaurant once a month. Over the years we've been to a lot of them! How many can you name? Call Carole Bettinger if you can join us!

Stocking Stuffers for Oxcart Pantry

Collecting stocking stuffers until December 4

We are collecting stockings, toiletry items, and small gifts for adults and children to be given to Oxcart Pantry clients this Christmas. A list of needed items can be found in the November edition of the Agape Newsletter.

A Christmas Cabaret: Dinner and a Show

Saturday Matinee, December 10, 2 pm

Join us for **A Christmas Cabaret** musical show at LCCC's Cirigliano Studio Theatre. Call 440-366-4040 or go online at www.stockerartcenter.com to order your own tickets.

Afterward we can share a meal at one of the local restaurant choices. Sign up so we know who all is going and if you want to car pool from the church. Contact Sarah Jackson if you have questions.

Adult Sunday School Study: *You Lost Me*, by David Kinnaman

Sundays, 9 am, Classroom 4

Close to 60 percent of young Christians who went to church as teens drop out after high school. In *You Lost Me*, the bestselling coauthor of *unChristian* trained his researcher's eye on Christians aged 16-29, exposing why they leave the church and rethink their faith. This study will inform, equip, and empower groups and churches to understand the unique challenges that are affecting younger Christians. It's not enough for us to know that they are dropping out and rethinking their faith; this video study and discussion guide provides key insights and practical ways that we can actively engage this generation with thoughtful conversation.

Adult Sunday School Advent Study

Begins Sunday, November 20, 9 am, Classroom 4

Claudia Taller will lead us in the series: *Prepare the Way for the Lord*, by Adam Hamilton. For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord."

Weekday Advent Study

RSVP to Pastor Hoyte by November 15

Pastor Hoyte plans to lead an Advent Study again this year. Please email him if you are interested in joining him. Pastor Hoyte is open to suggestions for preferred books or themes.

Oxcart Pantry Thanksgiving Collection

Collecting Thanksgiving dinner side dishes and desserts until November 20

These include **boxed/bagged stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned sweet potatoes, and dessert items like boxed cake or cookie mixes and brownie mixes**. Please put donations in the Oxcart Pantry container.

This Week's Gatherings and Small Groups

Missions Ministry Team: Sunday, November 6, 11:45 am, Classroom 7

United Methodist Men Turkey Dinner (Carry-Out Only): Sunday, November 6, 12 pm – 2 pm

Handbell Rehearsal: Monday, November 7, 5 pm, Choir Room

Church Council and Council on Ministries: Wednesday, November 9, 7 pm, Classroom 7

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, November 10, 7 pm, Choir Room

Stamp Social: Saturday, November 12, 9 am – 3 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School: Sunday, November 13, 9 am, Classroom 4

23rd Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, November 13, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & Online